I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Depressed Classes

Alleged ill-treatment of depressed classes in Ramnad district.

* 327 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any enquiry has been made in regard to the allegations of the ill-treatment of the depressed classes as mentioned in the memorandum submitted to the Government by the President of the Ramnad District Adi-Dravida Mahajana Sabha; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken by the Government in regard to this matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A report has been called for from the District Magistrate, Ramnad, in the matter.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know how long ago this matter was brought to the notice of the Government?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"About a month ago or so as far as I remember."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"When did they call for a report, Sir?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"About a fortnight or three weeks ago, as far as I remember."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"They have not yet received the report?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Apart from the memorandum submitted by the Association, have any reports been received by the Government from the District authorities—from the District Magistrate or the District Superintendent of Police?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Even through their weekly reports?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know if, when the report is received, the Government will be pleased to place it on the table of the House?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I shall consider the suggestion when the report is received."

Mr. M. DEVADASON:—"May I know whether the memorandum contains some serious allegations against the police and the village officers and it is necessary that prompt action should be taken in regard to the allegations contained in that memorandum?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"There may be a number of serious allegations made; but I have called for a report, and before I receive the report, I cannot say what action would be taken in the matter."

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Mr. M. DEVADASON :—" May I know whether, if no enquiry is made in proper time, worse dangers may not happen to the people there ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Whatever that may be, I have called for a report, and I must wait before I take any action."

General

Suits by Government servants.

* 328 Q.—Mr. C. BASU DEV : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have now perused the judgment in C.S. No. 650/1927 on the file of the High Court (Original Side), Madras ;

(b) whether the plaintiff in the said suit was suspended under the orders of the Government until such time as he cleared his character in a court of law ;

(c) the cost incurred by the Government in the said suit ;

(d) whether the Law Officers of the Government ever moved the Government for a compromise in the said suit and if so, why the compromise was not accepted ; and

(e) how many such suits by various Government servants are pending in the High Court or in other courts ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Rs. 4,064–2–0.

(d) Yes, but the suggestion was not accepted because the Government considered that they had a good case.

(e) The Government have no information.

Mr. C. BASU DEV :—" May I know if the Government are prepared to consider the question again if and when an appeal is filed ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I know, out of that amount, how much was paid to the vakil as fees ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Notice."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, in the suit decreed in favour of the Government, whether costs have been allowed against the plaintiff ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I should like to have notice of the question."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know what decision the Government have come to after a perusal of the High Court's judgment in the case of the Police Inspector who was dismissed ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" That is not here on the paper."